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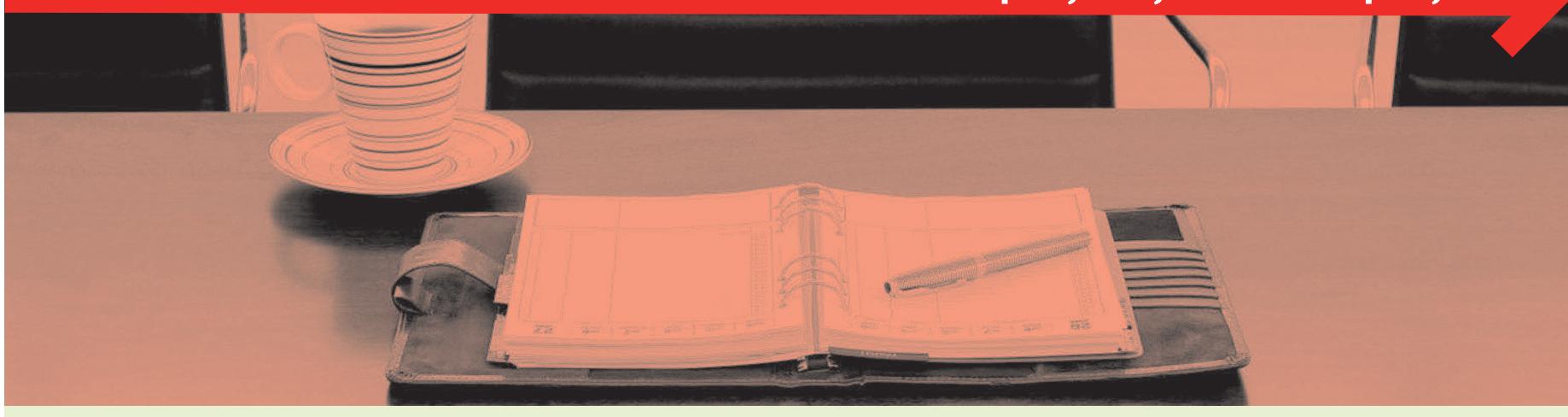


# NYC: FLATLINED

Want the dismal truth? Citywide, our median household income hasn't gone up since 2000 Meanwhile, rents are up 30 percent, cost of living is skyrocketing and a monthly MetroCard may be \$109 soon {page 02}



CITY'S MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME: IN 2000: \$50,539; IN 2010: \$50,886





# Richest of rich Americans getting richer

The net worth of the richest Americans grew by 13 percent in the past year to \$1.7 trillion, Forbes magazine said yesterday, and a familiar cast populated the top of the annual list, including Bill Gates, Warren Buffett, Larry Ellison and the Koch brothers.

The average net worth of the 400 wealthiest Americans rose to a record \$4.2 billion, up more than 10 percent from a year ago, while the lowest net worth came in at \$1.1 billion versus \$1.05 billion last year.

## Quoted

**"The gap between the very rich and merely rich increased and helped drive up the average net worth of The Forbes 400 members to an all-time record \$4.2 billion."**

FORBES SENIOR WEALTH EDITOR LUISA KROLL

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One-quarter of The Forbes 400 come from the finance and investment sector, while another quarter come from either the technology, media or energy industries.

Seven in 10 of the list's members made their fortunes from scratch.

Gates, the chairman of Microsoft Corp., topped the list for the 19th year in a row,

with \$66 billion, up \$7 billion from a year earlier.

Buffett, chairman and chief executive of insurance conglomerate Berkshire Hathaway Inc., stood second with \$46 billion, followed by Ellison, head of software maker Oracle Corp., with \$41 billion. Brothers Charles and David Koch, who run the energy and chemicals conglomerate Koch Industries Inc. and who are active in conservative politics, were tied for fourth with \$31 billion, Forbes said. REUTERS



Bill Gates

## In the news

### Accused cab slasher says he had PTSD

A man who allegedly cut a Muslim taxi driver with a knife said that he was suffering from post-traumatic stress syndrome. Michael Enright, 23, will reportedly argue that he had PTSD after working on a film in Afghanistan. He is accused of slashing Ahmed Sharif in August 2010, saying, "This is your checkpoint," with an expletive after Sharif told him he was a Muslim. © METRO/AB

## In the news



### Barclays countdown

Nine days until the Barclays Center opens in downtown Brooklyn! Every day until the Sept. 28 opening, Metro will offer a hot tip about the new arena. Little Monsters rejoice: Lady Gaga will be performing at the Barclays Center on March 6. Tickets go on sale at 10 a.m. on Sept. 28, the same day Barclays opens. © METRO

## In the news



### Port Authority needs bridge toll hikes for projects

LOWER MANHATTAN. The long-awaited World Trade Center should be finished within its \$14.8 billion budget, but the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, the agency rebuilding the site, still faces major shortfalls in cash flow in coming years, a consultants' report said yesterday.

As a result, the Port Authority not only must rely on planned toll increases, but also must find additional ways of raising money.

This could range from advertising to public-private partnerships, which could produce about \$150 million a year, said consultants at Navigant Consulting Inc. and Rothschild Inc.

The Port Authority has \$44 billion in expected capital needs, officials said.

The report also said the bi-state authority will need to make significant repairs to its aging bridge and tunnel system. Many of the bridges and tunnels are at least 80 years old. REUTERS

# Cost of living increases as NY incomes stagnate

► Median household income not changed since 2000 ► But rent, subway and tuition prices keep rising ► Pol: Residents are being held hostage

No wonder everyone thinks New Yorkers are rude.

City residents are getting squeezed from every corner – including inching-up MetroCard prices and skyrocketing rents.

Meanwhile, the city's median household income didn't change from 2000 to 2010, according to a report released yesterday from City Comptroller John Liu's office.

Twelve years ago, the median income was \$50,539. It had barely moved, to \$50,886, by 2010, according to Liu, whose office said it was adjusted for inflation. That means New Yorkers made \$347 more as a household throughout an entire decade.

That leaves New Yorkers strapped for cash in a city where the price tags just keep rising. Forbes reported in April that the cost of living in New York is 29.8 percent higher than the national average.

This bumped-up cost of living is reflected in everything from apartments to universities.

If you're in Manhattan, Citi Habitats spokesman Daniel Charles told Metro that in July 2002, the average apartment rented for \$2,544. That shot up 27 percent, to an average of \$3,461, in July 2012.

Liu said this leaves nearly half of New Yorkers — 49 percent — paying rents that fed-



► With the price of a monthly MetroCard flirting with \$109, New York is becoming less affordable for the middle class.

**30** Percent of New Yorkers who spend more than half of their income on rent, according to Liu

**49** Percent of New Yorkers' rent would be considered a severe burden by the federal government

eral benchmarks consider unaffordable.

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### What else costs more?

Your wallet is taking a punch to ride the subway. A monthly MetroCard, which in 2000 was \$63, is now at \$104 and may hike up to \$109.

Food prices have increased 1.4 percent since just last year, according to the federal government's Bureau of Labor Statistics.

And it costs more to get an education — the Columbia

Grammar and Preparatory School made news this year when its tuition passed \$40,000. It is now \$40,140 per year for twelfth grade.

That's not the only school with high numbers. Tuition at the City University of New York has increased by 188 percent since 1990, according to the Professional Staff Congress, the school's faculty and staff union. Tuition cost about \$2,500 in 2000 and is now nearing \$4,000, according to the report.

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## Manhattan tunnel burglar sentenced

A convicted burglar who tunneled into private homes to rob nearby stores was sentenced to up to 56 years in state prison in yesterday, according to the Manhattan district attorney.

Shawn McAleese, 43, would break into residential homes and then tunnel through walls to steal money, computers and food from neighboring busi-

nesses.

McAleese broke into at least eight residential buildings in the Flatiron District, Hell's Kitchen, the Upper East Side, Murray Hill and Central Harlem between May 3 and June 30 of this year.

Each building was located next to a restaurant or bar, according to the DA's office. Typically, McAleese did not steal

from the apartments, but instead used them to gain access to alleys or dig through walls into neighboring businesses, including restaurants, bars and lounges. He repeatedly stole money from cash registers and, when no cash was available, took food and liquor instead.

McAleese pleaded guilty on Aug. 27. **METRO**

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# Basquiat poised to set record at NYC art auction

An early work by Jean-Michel Basquiat could set an artist's record in November when it is expected to sell for some \$20 million, the auction house Christie's said on Tuesday.

The untitled 1981 work, which has been in a private collection for two decades and has been featured in virtually every major Basquiat retrospective, depicts a fisherman displaying his catch hanging at the end of a line.

Christie's estimates the painting will sell for about \$20 million, which along with its commission would bring the price to well above Basquiat's auction record of \$20.1 million,

set in June in London.

"Great works by Basquiat have become close to impossible to find in recent years," said Loic Gouzer, international specialist of post-war and contemporary art at Christie's. "The market has been waiting a long time for a work of this caliber and freshness."

"Basquiat is increasingly being recognized as a grand master of post-war art alongside de Kooning, Warhol and Pollock," Gouzer said.

"We expect it to set a new record," he said.

The painting will be sold on Nov. 14 following several public exhibitions. **REUTERS**

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► One of Basquiat's works is displayed. The artist drew from his Haitian and Puerto Rican heritage.

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Puerto Rican heritage. Basquiat, whose career was the subject of a feature film and a documentary, died in 1988 at the age of 27.

Gouzer said that unlike most artists who win acclaim, "Basquiat created his best paintings at the beginning of his career. 'Untitled 1981' unites all the elements of energy, freedom and boldness that one looks for in Basquiat," he said.

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# Law students must work 50 hours free

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Aspiring lawyers in New York state must perform 50 hours of free legal work to gain entry to the state bar under a first-of-its-kind requirement handed down yesterday, aimed at expanding access to the legal system for the poor.

The rule, written by New York's top-ranking judge, takes effect in 2015 and applies to all future law school students and those currently in their first or second years. Existing third-year students are exempt.

Chief Judge Jonathan Lippman estimated the requirement will add as much as 500,000 hours of pro bono service each year. Only 20 percent of the need for legal services is being met in New York, he said, even though state officials this year agreed to double funding for legal-service programs to \$25 million.

"No matter how much money we're able to get through public funding, a large part of this has to be pro bono service on the part of the



► A lecture room inside Fordham Law School

**15K** Last year, there were 15,000 applicants to the New York bar.

bar," Lippman said in an interview.

Advocates for legal aid for the poor applauded the rule, which is unique to New York state.

But the requirement comes

as law students, many of whom graduate with heavy debt, face an uncertain job market.

A June report from the National Association of Law Placement found that fewer than two-thirds of 2011 graduates had landed a job that required an attorney license, the lowest percentage since the group began its annual survey in 1974. **REUTERS**



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# NYPD spokesman criticizes feds

► NYPD's top spokesman says the feds shouldn't have made it known that the maker of an inflammatory anti-Islamic film was a Coptic Christian ► Spokesman said the NYPD increased security around Coptic churches in the city as a result ► Remarks come after Commissioner Ray Kelly defends the NYPD's surveillance of Muslims

Yesterday morning, NYPD Commissioner Ray Kelly gave a passionate defense of his department's surveillance of the city's Muslim communities. When asked if the commissioner had concerns about the timing of the remarks due to the current turmoil in the Middle East, Deputy NYPD Commissioner Paul Browne said the police were not at all concerned.

Browne instead criticized federal officials for what he said was prematurely releasing sensitive information about the maker of the controversial film at the heart of violence and protests abroad.

"I found it surprising that federal authorities made public so quickly and early on that a Coptic Christian was behind the film," said Browne.



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## UN General Assembly is next big concern

Deputy Commissioner Paul Browne said the NYPD's main focus right now is the UN General Assembly next week, where 135 world leaders will be in attendance, including the president of the United States.

"That is our major protective responsibility, along with the Secret Service and State Department security personnel," said Browne. "To make sure this event goes off without any injuries coming to those heads of state, many of whom are controversial in their own way." ● METRO/DT

**"I found it surprising that federal authorities made public so quickly and early on that a Coptic Christian was behind the film."**

BROWNE

Federal law enforcement recently identified a Southern Californian Coptic Christian named Nakoula Basseley Nakoula as the man behind the controversial anti-Muslim film, "Innocence of Muslims," that has sparked violent anti-American action around the world.

As a result, the NYPD provided extra security to Coptic churches throughout the city, Browne said.

Other than that, however, Browne said they haven't increased security at embassies or

iconic landmarks such as the Empire State Building and Ground Zero.

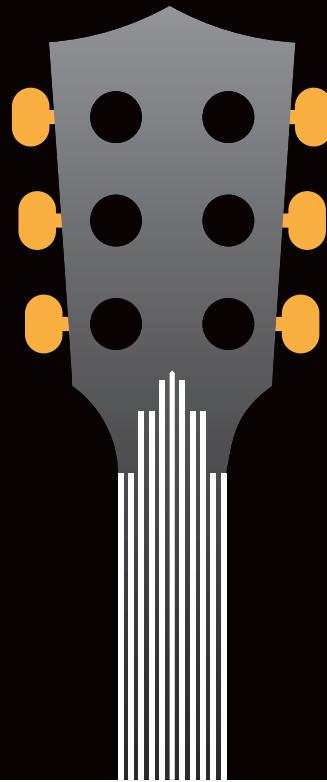
"We are monitoring, but so far we haven't seen any manifestation of threats or actions against embassies in the city because of threats overseas," he said.

When asked about security concerns related to the current turmoil in the Middle East, the UN did not comment.

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## **Kelly defends NYPD's 'spying' on city Muslims**

*The following are excerpts from a speech NYPD Commissioner Ray Kelly gave yesterday morning to the Carnegie Council, a think tank*

**on international justice issues**

► "More than a decade after 9/11, New York remains the most enduring terrorist target in America, if not the world. We've been the subject of 14 different plots.

► "It's essential that the Police Department's efforts to defend against terrorism be proactive, that we find those who are in the earliest stages of planning violent acts. Contrary to what some in the media have alleged, we're authorized by law to do precisely that.

**"More than a decade after 9/11, New York remains the most enduring terrorist target in America, if not the world."**

- ▶ “No other Police Department in the country is bound by these rules, which restrict police powers granted under the constitution.
- ▶ “Since 1985, the Police Department has been subject to a set of rules known as the Handschu guidelines, which

were developed to protect people engaged in political protest. After 9/11, we were concerned that elements of the guidelines could interfere with our ability to investigate terrorism. In 2002, we proposed to the federal court that monitors the agreement that it be modified, and the court agreed.

- ▶ “Handschu entitles members of the department to attend any place or event that is open to the public [and] to view on-line activity that is accessible to the public.
- ▶ “Undercover officers and confidential informants do not enter a mosque unless they are following up on a lead vetted under Handschu.”

► “[W]hile the vast majority of Muslim student associations and their members are law-abiding, we've seen many cases in which such groups were exploited. Since 9/11, some of the most violent terrorists we've encountered were radicalized or recruited at universities.

► “Let me also say that the NYPD prides itself on its strong relationship with New York’s Muslim community. We hold an annual pre-Ramadan gathering with more than 500 religious and community leaders. We assign a direct liaison to the Muslim community and train all of our officers in the diverse cultural and religious traditions of the faith.”

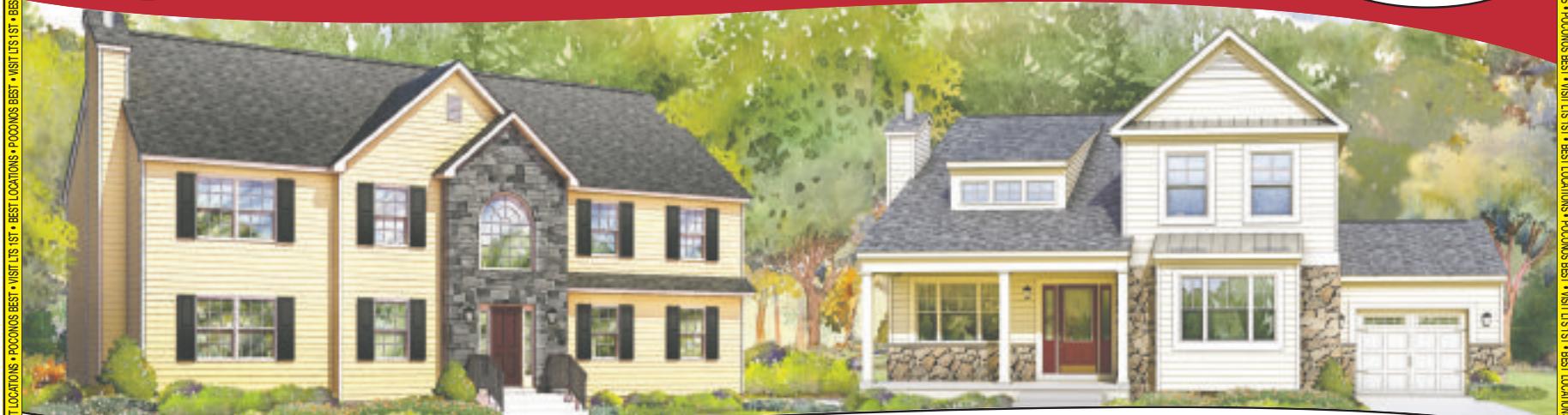


► Police Commissioner Ray Kelly has come under criticism for sending officers into mosques and Islamic bookstores.

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**Attack on Libya embassy was terror attack, US says**

**WASHINGTON.** The assault on the U.S. consulate in Benghazi last week in which four Americans died was a "terrorist attack" that may have had an al Qaeda connection, a top U.S. counterterrorism official told Congress yesterday.

Rocket-propelled grenades and mortars struck the consulate on Sept. 11, the anniversary of the 2001 attacks on the United States. U.S. Ambassador Christopher Stevens and

three other Americans died. "They were killed in the course of a terrorist attack on our embassy," Matthew Olsen, director of the National Counterterrorism Center, said in response to a question at a Senate hearing. **REUTERS**

**Iranian cleric beaten up by woman he ordered to cover up**

**DUBAI.** An Iranian cleric said he was beaten by a woman in the northern province of Semnan after giving her a warning for being "badly covered," the state-run Mehr news agency reported.

Hojatoleslam Ali Beheshti said he encountered the woman in the street while on his way to the mosque in the town of Shahmirzad, and asked her to cover herself up, to which she replied, "you, cover your eyes," according to Mehr. The cleric repeated his warning, which he said prompted her to insult and push him.

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# Charlie Hebdo cartoons fuel more Muslim anger

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► Inside pages contain several cartoons caricaturing the Prophet Mohammad. The magazine's decision to publish the cartoons came against a background of unrest across the Islamic world.

A French magazine ridiculed the Prophet Mohammad on yesterday by portraying him naked in cartoons, threatening to fuel the anger of Muslims around the world who are already incensed by a video depicting him as a lecherous fool.

The drawings in the satirical weekly Charlie Hebdo risked exacerbating a crisis that has seen the storming of U.S. and other Western embassies, the killing of the U.S. ambassador to Libya and a deadly suicide bombing in Afghanistan.

Riot police were deployed to protect the paper's Paris offices after it hit news stands.

It featured several caricatures of the Prophet showing him naked in what the publishers said was an attempt to poke fun at the furor over the film. One, titled, "Mohammad: a star is born," depicted a bearded figure crouching over to display

his buttocks and genitals.

The French government, which had urged the weekly not to print the cartoons, said it was shutting embassies and schools in 20 countries as a precaution on Friday, when protests sometimes break out

after Muslim prayers.

Arab League Secretary-General Nabil Elaraby called the drawings outrageous but said those who were offended by them should "use peaceful means to express their firm rejection."

**Reaction in France**

In the northern Paris suburb of Sarcelles, one person was slightly hurt when two masked men threw a small explosive device through the window of a kosher supermarket. Police said it was too early to link the incident to the cartoons. One small local Muslim group filed a legal complaint against the weekly but there were no reports of reaction on the streets of France.

Tunisia's ruling Islamist party, Ennahda, condemned what it called an act of "aggression" against Mohammad but urged Muslims not to fall into a trap intended to "derail the Arab Spring and turn it into a conflict with the West." **REUTERS**

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## News in brief


**'Fast and Furious'**  
report refers 14 for internal discipline

The U.S. Justice Department's internal watchdog yesterday referred 14 employees, including senior official Lanny Breuer, for possible internal discipline in connection with a botched gun probe in Arizona.

A 471-page report was released following a 19-month review by the department's inspector general into "Operation Fast and Furious," which allowed about 2,000 potentially illegal firearms to cross the border into Mexico.

The operation raised the fury of U.S. gun-rights advocates and is a focal point for Republican criticism of President Barack Obama leading up to the Nov. 6 elections.

Breuer, an Obama appointee and the head of the Justice Department's criminal division, is cited in the report for not alerting his superiors in 2010 to flaws in a program similar to Operation Fast and Furious that was started during George W. Bush's presidency.

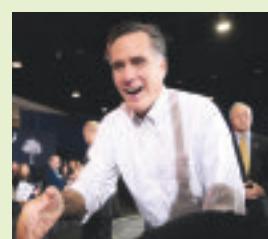
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**Romney says he's 'best bet' for poor**

Mitt Romney said yesterday he would do a better job of helping the poor than President Barack Obama as the Republican tried to recover from a secret video that showed him dismissing nearly half the electorate as dependent on government help.

Romney has sought to make the Nov. 6 election a referendum on Obama's economic stewardship, but over the past week the spotlight has been fixed firmly on his own missteps — most recently a video that shows him writing off Obama supporters.

Romney hopes to recover by framing the presidential election as a choice between big government and economic growth. At an Atlanta fundraiser, Romney said he wants to spur job creation by encouraging private enterprise.



**"The question in this campaign is not who cares about the poor and middle class. I do, he does."**

ROMNEY

# Corporate corruption big voter worry: poll



► The poll surveying Americans' views on corporate corruption coincided with the anniversary of Occupy Wall Street.

With less than two months to go before the U.S. presidential election, a new survey found 61 percent of Americans say a candidate's commitment to rooting out corporate wrongdoing will be key in deciding who gets their vote.

Along with keen interest in knowing each candidate's plans to fix the struggling economy, voters want government to do more to fight corporate misconduct — which they say helped cause the financial crisis.

"In these difficult economic times, Americans are mad as hell about corporate wrongdoing and are going to do something about it in the November elections and beyond," said Jordan Thomas, a partner at law firm Labaton Sucharow, which commissioned the survey and which represents corporate whistleblowers.

A telephone poll of 1,015 people was conducted from Aug. 16-19.

Labaton Sucharow released the findings late yesterday.

**"Americans have sounded the alarm. To meaningfully repair the economy, restore public faith in the markets and hold wrongdoers accountable, we need a strong partnership between individuals, corporate ethics and government."**

LABATON SUCHAROW SENIOR PARTNER THOMAS DUBBS

Republican candidate Mitt Romney, who made a fortune running private equity firm Bain Capital and served as governor of Massachusetts, is campaigning to replace Democrat Barack Obama as president in what pollsters are calling a very tight presidential race.

Voters have been outraged by disclosures that banks forged documents to foreclose on homeowners, financial firms packaged risky mortgages into bonds that were improperly rated triple-A and international banks manipulated LIBOR, a key international lending rate.

Americans remain angry about the influence of Wall Street money on politics, with 77 percent of respondents saying they believe politicians favor corporate interests over constituent interests.

Some 63 percent of Americans believe government should make more money available to regulators and law enforcement to eliminate corporate wrongdoing.

REUTERS

**61%**

Say a candidate's commitment to rooting out corporate corruption will determine their vote

**64%**

Say corporate misconduct helped bring about economic crisis

**81%**

Say government has not done enough to stop corporate wrongdoing

**83%**

Say they would report wrongdoing, compared with 78 percent a year ago

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# ROMNEY VS. THE REST OF THE NATION

The secret Mitt Romney fundraiser video released this week has exposed a man who speaks in private with a sneering disdain for half the country — for the poor, elderly, disabled and unemployed Americans who, Romney scoffs, "believe they are entitled to health care, to food, to housing, to you name it. . . and that the government should give it to them!" These lazy, free-loading Americans "will vote for this president no matter what," Romney laments, because "I'll never convince them that they should take personal responsibility and care for their lives." "And so," Romney explains, "my job is not to worry about those people."

**N** The hour-long video reveals that much of Romney's ideas are rooted in condescension, prejudice and a misunderstanding of the facts, and it has been a pleasant surprise to see many prominent Republicans join in condemning Romney's statements and correcting the record. But I think Romney's frankness reveals something more profound than mistakes of fact and character: Mitt Romney does not believe in democracy.

**Quoted**

**I think Romney's frankness reveals something more profound than mistakes of fact and character: Mitt Romney does not believe in democracy.**

A democracy depends on honesty. A candidate must tell us up front what he or she plans to do, and then set out to convince a majority of us that that plan is the best. If you can't do that, you lose. All candidates think their plan is best, and it must be frustrating when, no matter how hard they try to convince us, they can't get a majority to agree. It must be tempting to say whatever it takes to get elected — to bait-and-switch us for our own good. But that's no longer democracy — it's fraud.

Romney tells his donors that so many Americans are either freeloaders or vote based on "emotion, whether they like the guy or not, or what [he] looks like." He explains that if he were frank and honest, he would lose. He would appear too harsh and unlikeable, and that no amount of convincing could overcome that perception.

So instead, Mitt Romney has decided to trick us. He'll promise big results and stay fuzzy on the details. Before the election, only spoonfuls of sugar! He'll give us all that medicine after he's elected.

By hook or by crook, Mitt Romney will save America from itself — even if he has to betray the very ideals that make it a country worth saving.

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# THE WORD

Metro's **Dorothy Robinson** shares her take on the world of gossip **t @dorothyatmetro** **e dorothy.robinson@metro.us**

## Shocker: Lohan arrested again

**Lindsay Lohan** was arrested again — I could type that phrase with my eyes closed at this point — in New York City on Monday night.

Lohan was behind the wheel when her Porsche pulled up to the Dream Hotel in the Meatpacking District around 12:30 a.m., hitting an unidentified man in the knee. Reportedly “unaware” of the accident, Lohan and her crew went into the hotel before authorities could arrive. Thirty minutes later, she was arrested leaving the hotel. The man checked into a nearby hospital, but there were no visible injuries, according to sources. Lohan was released without bail since the charge is only a misdemeanor.

Per TMZ, Lohan is saying the accident is “really fishy” because the man didn’t appear to have any visible injuries and feels she’s the victim of a setup. Surveillance video supports that — it apparently shows her accuser was exaggerating.

**Conspiracy or no, this brings up a few questions:**

- 1 Why is Lindsay Lohan driving in New York City? If I can afford to take a cab, she can afford to take a cab.



► Lohan's accuser says she was "slurring" her words and smelled like alcohol.

### Talking points

#### More details of the famed Pitt/Jolie wedding emerge

While the date of **Angelina Jolie** and **Brad Pitt**'s wedding may still be a mystery, some of the other details are coming together — like who will be by the bride's side through the ceremony. Jolie has reportedly enlisted her brother, **James Haven**, to serve as her maid of honor — of sorts — for the big day, according to Heat. “James was thrilled to accept his little



Paltrow

sister's offer. Angie has always related to men better than women,” the source says. “As well as growing up with James, she bonded more with the jocks than the cheerleaders in high school.” It should make for an interesting bachelorette party, at least.

#### Paltrow lets her kids watch TV — kinda

**Gwyneth Paltrow** isn't above letting her two children — 8-year-old daughter **Apple** and 6-year-old son **Moses**, watch a little TV, but she has some conditions. “I only let them watch TV in French or Spanish,” Paltrow tells InStyle magazine.

“When I'm in France, I go to [Boulevard] Beaumarchais and buy all their cartoons.”

#### Sofia Vergara versus an idiot bouncer

**Sofia Vergara** didn't have as nice of a night out in Hollywood recently as she'd been expecting. The “Modern Family” star hit the Parlor to meet up with a group of friends but was denied access as the bar was at capacity, according to Hollyscoop. According to onlookers, Vergara blew up at the bouncer, shouting, “Do you know who I am?” A friend who was already inside came out to see what was go-

ing on and joined in yelling at the bouncer before Vergara stormed off.

She later took a moment to blast the venue on Twitter, posting that it is the “worst sports bar in LA!”

Vergara:  
Denied!



### The feed ...

► Checking in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.

Today, Elizabeth Banks is looking at things on the bright side, Zooey Deschanel isn't enjoying the late-summer heat, Ellen Page is trying to understand the States and Sarah Silverman is rethinking popular expressions.

**@ElizabethBanks**  
Catching up with news and my take-away is this: Kate Middleton is even more flawless than previously assumed. #RoyalAbs



Weekly. “You want to know something? I love her,” Madonna told the crowd. “I do love her. Imitation is the highest form of flattery.” She even teased an impending team-up between the two, adding: “One day, very soon, we're going to be on stage together. Just you wait.”

**@ZooeyDeschanel**  
I just want to wear sweaters and coats but the universe isn't playing along.

**@EllenPage**  
Dear America, I've a very important question. Why are chickpeas called garbanzo beans here? Thanks

**@SarahKSilverman**  
A bull in pretty much any shop is gonna be a mess



Ellen  
Page



## Musical ladies out and about

**1** **Cyndi Lauper** promoted "Cyndi Lauper: A Memoir" at Barnes & Noble Tribeca on Tuesday in New York City.

**2** **Barbra Streisand** performed on stage at the memorial of Marvin Hamlisch on Tuesday in New York City.

**3** **P!nk** sang her new hit ("Blow Me) One Last Kiss" Tuesday on "Today."

**4** **Aimee Mann** signed copies of her CD "Charmer" at Barnes & Noble in Los Angeles, Calif., on Tuesday.

**5** **Lisa Marie Presley** was spotted outside of BBC Radio 2 on Wednesday in London.

**6** Also in London? Spice Girl **Mel C**, who visited the Radio 1 studios to promote the "Jesus Christ Superstar" musical tour on Wednesday.

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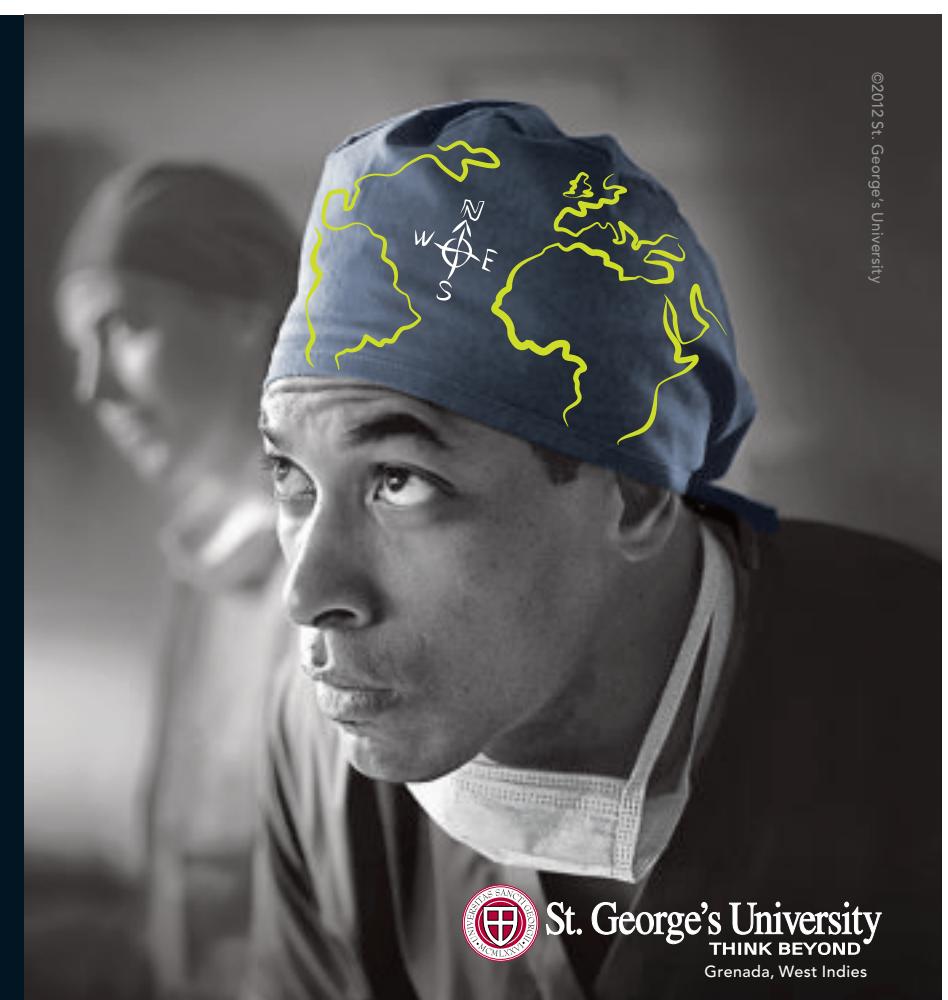
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# Fat cats: They are just like us

► Greedy power brokers may be the people we all love to hate, but for his latest role in 'Arbitrage,' Richard Gere found the heart within all that darkness

In "Arbitrage," written and directed by Nicholas Jarecki, Richard Gere plays a cheating (in every possible way) hedge-fund manager who spins a massive web of deception in order to protect his assets. You hate this guy already, right?

But, Gere, a Buddhist, challenged himself to make us see the man behind the monster: the hard worker, the devoted husband — and, well, even the supportive boyfriend. "My job is to take a character like this and to make him identifiable enough that you'll take the voy-

## Quoted

**"There's nobody in this story that hasn't made compromises. It doesn't make them horrible people. It makes them recognizable as all of us."**

ACTOR RICHARD GERE, ON THE CHARACTERS IN "ARBITRAGE"

age with him," Gere tells Metro. "So if I've been successful and you've identified for two hours with a guy who's questionable, I feel good about that. I feel like I've done my job."

A quotation on the home page of the Richard Gere Foundation reads, "All the suffering in the world rises out of wanting happiness for self, while happiness in the world rises out of wanting happiness for others." It's by Shantideva.

Is your character seeking happiness for himself or for his family?



► Susan Sarandon and Richard Gere star in "Arbitrage," in theaters now.

He's defined happiness as power, money, place in the community. I would say most of the alpha males tend to think that way: "I've got the most beautiful woman on the side, I have the beautiful wife, the beautiful house, I'm respected wherever I go, I'm head of the foundation, I'm building a library, I'm a big shot." Madoff was a big shot in the community. He had a son commit suicide, and he has a wife who never wants to see him again, so you see what happens from seeing yourself as the alpha center of the uni-

verse.

## So where does he net?

Now, a guy like this, of course he was devastated, but in the process of this movie he has not changed. [Only] his world has changed. ... But then you see someone like Clinton who, from the surface, looked like he had totally destroyed his family. All the lies and the deceptions, but look at him now. Who knows what the future brings?

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Fall TV Guide: Thursdays

# Reinventing a classic

## Sherlock Holmes

Played by Jonny Lee Miller

### His past

"Oh, yeah — he's definitely got mental issues," Miller says. "I wouldn't say a mental illness or anything like that, but he's got issues, personal issues."

Series creator Rob Doherty teases that "something terrible happened to [Sherlock] in London. He spiraled out of control. Our Sherlock has emerged with what I think is at his core just a tiny kernel of self-doubt where one previously never existed."

Milner — whose own tattoos are visible in character — says that inner turmoil is what makes the brilliant, yet socially inept Sherlock relatable.

"He struggles with his own sense of self," Miller says. "People can identify with that."

### The present

Whereas some incarnations of Sherlock may have been considered sociopathic, the detective in "Elementary" isn't simply seeking the thrill of the chase when he takes on a new case.

"Our Sherlock is a puzzle solver," says Doherty. "I see him as someone who is driven ... to do the right thing, to help people. At the end of the day, he believes in justice. It's not just about putting bad guys behind



NINO MUÑOZ/CBS

bars. Helping people and doing the right thing are factors that play into it as well."

### His future

If there is one foe that defines Sherlock, it's Moriarty. Doherty promises the detective's nemesis will factor into the series, but is reluctant to give away too many details.

"He was such a shadowy figure," Doherty says. "I think he was described as the spider at

**"He struggles with his own sense of self. People can identify with that."**

MILLER ON SHERLOCK

the center of the web of crime in London. He's the man behind the man behind the man. In other words, there are a few dominos we knock over before we ultimately get to him."

## Also new on Thursdays

### 'Last Resort'

Is there heroism in disobedience? Shawn Ryan — who proved to be a master of the anti-hero with his game-changing cop drama "The Shield" — is behind this tale of a U.S. ballistic missile submarine crew who disobeys unexpected orders to blow up Pak-



► Andre Braugher stars in "Last Resort."

► **Sherlock is covered in tattoos! Watson is a woman!**  
► **'Elementary' creator, stars explain their characters**

In the new CBS drama "Elementary," eccentric detective Sherlock Holmes surfaces in New York City after a stint in rehab. He is forced to accept the aid of a sober companion, Dr. Joan Watson, to help in his recovery, though he believes his best shot at re-

### Tune-in

► "Elementary" premieres Sept. 27 at 10 p.m. on CBS.

demption is through helping his pal in the NYPD solve the city's toughest cases. Meet the modern incarnations of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's crime solvers.

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## Dr. Joan Watson

Played by Lucy Liu

### Her past

Though Watson may not act out like the abrasive, dysfunctional Sherlock, the doctor may be just as damaged as her charge.

"She was a surgeon and lost her license, which gives her sort of a dark past that we ... may not discover for a little while," Liu says. "What we want to do is introduce the audience to the characters, and then sort of slowly unravel a little bit about her personal history."

### The present

Watson's obligations to Sherlock are professional — keep him sober and safe — until she realizes she's not such a bad private investigator herself.

"[Watson] is on the sideline [in the pilot], observing him, because she's his sober companion," Liu says. "So she's not engaged in the mystery. She's engaged in him, and from that point on, then you get to see how that sort of blossoms out."

### Her future

With a female Watson as Sherlock's sidekick, is a hookup imminent?

Going back to the source material, Liu notes Sherlock's "awk-



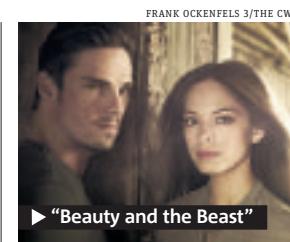
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**"She's not engaged in the mystery. She's engaged in him, and from that point on, then you get to see how that sort of blossoms out."** LIU ON WATSON

"is a constant reminder of that awkwardness and that division between being a friend" or something more.

Milner insists the friendship is core to "Elementary," just as it has been in all other takes on the duo. But sexual tension, he admits, is inevitable.

"There is that element, and people are going to wonder," he says. "But then wondering and asking questions is something that you really want your audience to do, isn't it?"



FRANK OCKENFELS 3/THE CW

istan and subsequently is forced to go on the lam. Andre Braugher's commanding presence and Scott Speedman's impossibly square jaw make this drama very watchable, even when all of the "what is happening?" action slows down. Premieres Sept. 27, 8 p.m., ABC

## 'Beauty and the Beast'

This take on the classic tale is less Disney and more monster soap opera of the '80s — The

Ryan playing modern takes on the Catherine and Vincent characters. Kreuk is an NYPD detective who has crossed paths with Ryan's mysterious doctor in the past — in his "creature" state, he once saved her life. She reconnects with him, even though he was reportedly killed by enemy fire while serving in Afghanistan and has been living on the fringes of society because of his alter ego. Premieres Oct. 11, 9 p.m., The CW • **AMBER RAY**

# 10 REASONS TO GO TO THE MOVIES

## 2 'Trouble with the Curve'

Clint Eastwood, Amy Adams and Justin Timberlake star in this light drama about an aging baseball scout (Eastwood) who embarks on one last talent-seeking mission in the company of his reluctant daughter (Adams). No empty chair jokes, please.

## 3 'House at the End of the Street'

Stripped of her normal survivalist persona, Jennifer Lawrence of "Winter's Bone" and "The Hunger Games" takes on a more formidable enemy than the wilds of nature: A spirit haunting her newly befriended neighbor down the street.

## 4 'Dredd 3D'

"I am the law," says the judge, jury and executioner of this movie's title, rampaging through a post-apocalyptic future where most are under the rule of a reality-altering drug called SLO-MO.

## 5 'Resident Evil: Retribution'

Milla Jovovich returns as Alice in the fifth installment of this series based on the Capcom survival horror game. This time she continues to hunt those who



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### Must-see

## 1 'End of Watch'

Jake Gyllenhaal and

Michael Pena star as beat cops who are in over their heads when they confiscate cash and guns from a drug ring.

struggling author who finally writes a best-selling book. When it becomes apparent that he stole the story from another man, he must face the consequences of his ambition.

## 8 'The Cold Light of Day'

A Wall Street man's family gets kidnapped while on vacation in Spain, and suddenly a group of intelligence agents come after him in search of a briefcase.

## 9 'Lawless'

Tom Hardy and Shia LaBeouf star in this gritty Prohibition-era yarn about a trio of brothers who dominate their county's bootlegging business.

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Elisha Cuthbert, one of the stars of the ABC series "Happy Endings," is proving that sometimes people do live happily ever after. It was recently announced that she and longtime boyfriend Dion Phaneuf, the Toronto Maple Leafs NHL hockey player, are engaged to be married after dating for four years. For some, that could seem like an eternity to wait. It raises the question: How much time do you give a relationship before getting a proposal? And how long is too long?

There are many things that can keep one or both members of a couple from taking that big leap toward marriage. Sometimes these issues are never resolved, or worse, they are just excuses. Other times they really are honest concerns that just need time to work themselves out. So how can you know the difference?

The most important thing to keep in mind is that despite the fact that your partner's reluctance to commit can feel like a rejection of you, try not to take

► Learn how to decide when it's time to cut bait and move along



► Happy couple Elisha Cuthbert and Dion Phaneuf are finally ready to say "I do."

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it personally. You can do this by recognizing that very often when one partner is holding back on taking that huge step, it often has more to do with his or her own individual issues and fears than with how that person feels about the other.

Talk to your partner about what's stopping him or her from moving forward. See if you can jointly determine what it might take to get beyond your loved one's fears. Set goals to work toward making those changes, and then you can set a time limit for yourself and see if anything is being done. As long as your partner is trying, then your relationship is still vi-

able and worth fighting for. But if your partner is all talk and has made no attempt to move toward the goals you set together, then, sadly, it might be an indication that nothing will ever change.

— Relationship expert Dr. Jane Greer is the creator of "Shrink Wrap" — national commentary on what we can learn from celebrity relationships — and host of "Let's Talk Sex" at [Healthylife.net](#). Her book, "What About Me? Stop Selfishness From Ruining Your Relationship," is available nationwide.

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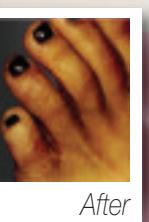
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**Look between the (party) lines**

Observing the political discourse captured each day in "Letters," it is clear both sides are talking past each other. I am also including the highly leftist partisan column writer Michael J. Frosch. Absent are any mutually objective comparison criteria both sides agree evaluates Obama's past performance fairly. I did not say it doesn't exist; on the contrary, it is abundant. The trouble with the data — be it unemployment, astronomical gas prices or the billions of dollars added to the national debt — is one side denies this data or wants to ignore that their man is responsible. Dredging up Bush is not a response except that of a petulant child. Bush is long gone. The fact is, the guy occupying the White House is a train

wreck. He has no cogent plan of his own and never has. The election was an upset and as much a surprise to him as to anyone. Now it is time to put things right by sending the amateurs to the showers and letting the person with a successful private and public career have at it.

MIKE TREACY, VIA E-MAIL

**RNC should take cue from Hollywood and do a reboot**

**RE: "PALESTINE VIDEO MORE TROUBLE FOR ROMNEY" (METRO, SEPT. 19)** Is it too late for the GOP to rethink its current candidate, one who opens his mouth and exchanges his feet, for the sake of the party which, at the current rate of events, is going to drastically

lose the November election because of ongoing gaffes? I also wonder how aggravated the GOP VP candidate has become at the party's "leader" foiling his chance to become vice president, too.

KEN WESTHASSEL, MEDFORD, MASS.

**Bonus question: If 99% of the 47% don't like choices ...**

The 99 percent have now become the 47 percent, an unquestionable proof that the economy of the only "real" democracy in the whole wide world is getting better. Now whether this dramatic improvement is due to the rantings of Romney or the president himself remains on the minds of those 53 percent who don't vote or who, like

this writer, vote for "real" third parties.

SUZY SANDOR, VIA E-MAIL

**With friends like these ...****"RE: OCCUPY WALL STREET AIMS AT COMEBACK" (METRO, SEPT. 17)**

The comeback of OWS is not hurting the 1 percent who are chauffeured to work and who most likely stayed home today knowing the protest was about to resurrect itself. Instead, OWS is only affecting the 99 percent of us who need to get to work to earn a check to support our families. Their protest also costs the 99 percent of us, who they claim to be fighting for, additional expenses in overtime for the required police presence. We live in a capitalist society as do the OWS protesters. If they wish to live in a society where those who work hard and earn a good living have to hand their income to those who choose not to work, then they should pick a socialist country and move there.

HENRY SMITH, NEW YORK CITY

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**Horoscope**

**12 Virgo Aug. 23-Sept. 22.** Don't give up too quickly if things start out all wrong for you. Fortunately, you will be able to stick in there until you're able to turn things around to your liking.

**13 Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23.** Now is the time to start looking ahead. You should be able to come up with an idea for blending your present efforts with what you have in mind for the future, resulting in success.

**11 Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22.** How you conduct yourself in front of others is likely to have a strong bearing on something that is pending for you career-wise. Make sure you get a good grade.

**10 Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21.** Without minimizing or ignoring your logical assessments, you'll still be able to consider the feelings of others. Make sure your final decisions have a broad appeal.

**13 Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 19.** Devote your time and effort to assignments that you enjoy performing. If you are choosy, this could be a productive and rewarding day for you.

**12 Aquarius Jan. 20-Feb. 19.** Whether you are working on something creative or dealing with the mundane, the artistry you employ is likely to be quite impressive. Your

endeavors will win favorable appeal. **13 Pisces Feb. 20-March 20.** The way you deal with people and try to make everyone feel important will win you all kinds of points. You will inspire people to put forth more effort than they usually do.

**14 Aries March 21-April 19.** Don't despair if your day begins on a sour note. When you start to hear all the nice things others are saying about you, you'll quickly turn your frown into a smile.

**15 Taurus April 20-May 20.** Regardless of what kind of financial mess you may find yourself in, fight your way through it. Everything is likely to turn around for you.

**16 Gemini May 21-June 20.** The cycle you're presently in puts a very strong emphasis on your natural leadership qualities. Even if you prefer not to use them, others will still turn to you for direction.

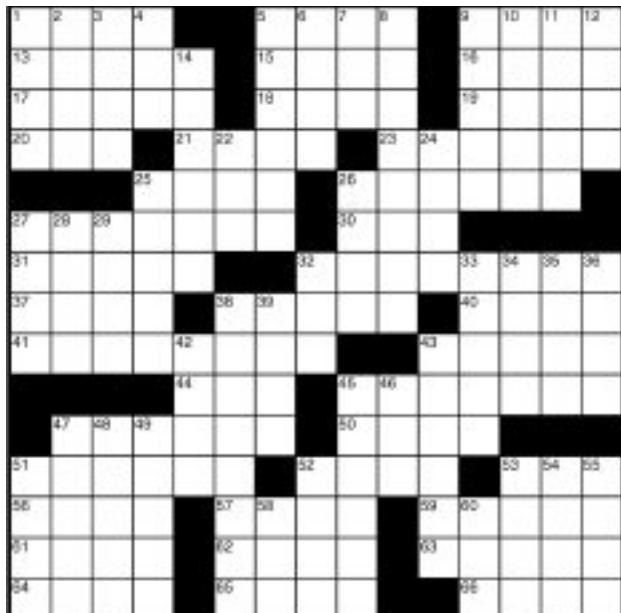
**17 Cancer June 21-July 22.** Any merchandise you acquire today will likely be treasured for a long time to come. It's the combination of elegance and practicality that makes this so.

**18 Leo July 23-Aug. 22.** An unusual amount of success in your endeavors is indicated, all because you try to do the most good for the greatest number. It'll pay off for everybody.

BERNICE BEDE OSOL

**Across**

- 1 Intuition
- 5 Touched down
- 9 Elbow grease
- 13 Curing cheese
- 15 Non-flying bird
- 16 Diva's rendition
- 17 Very serious
- 18 Outer challenge
- 19 Almanac tidbit
- 20 Uh's cousins
- 21 Eager, plus
- 23 Lobby furnishing
- 25 Bandleader — Kenton
- 26 Anchor cable
- 27 Gallant
- 30 Have obligations
- 31 Fictional Frame
- 32 Warm welcomes (2 wds.)
- 37 Fertile soil
- 38 Holly feature
- 40 Skip past
- 41 Curious one
- 43 Not skimpy
- 44 Mil. rank
- 45 Predicted
- 47 Forbidden things
- 50 Coffee brewers
- 51 Map feature
- 52 Parade honoree
- 53 Sty matriarch
- 56 Mars, to Plato
- 57 Goddess's statue
- 59 Burro alternative
- 61 Say it — so!
- 62 Rochester's Jane
- 63 Faculty honchos
- 64 Crumpled companions
- 65 Tear to pieces
- 66 Vacation jaunt

**Down**

- 1 Place for posies

- 2 Mad scientist's aide
- 3 Overall fronts
- 4 Hydrocarbon suffix
- 5 Calculator job
- 6 Tarzan, really
- 7 NW state
- 8 Hauls heaps (2 wds.)
- 9 Blows gently
- 10 Talk pompously
- 11 Kitchen gadget
- 12 Smith or Winslet
- 14 Potatoes au —
- 22 Moving option
- 24 Jug
- 25 Famed orca
- 26 Weed killer
- 27 Bagel shop
- 28 Nefertiti's god
- 29 Hoopster — O'Neal
- 32 Chilly comment
- 33 Dens or burrows
- 34 Ballpark figures
- 35 — monster
- 36 One-pot dinner
- 38 More gloomy
- 39 Electric swimmers
- 42 Computer graphic
- 43 Action-movie name
- 45 Energized
- 46 Bobby of the NHL
- 47 Hardly wordy
- 48 NASA rocket stage
- 49 Defeats
- 51 Milk, in Paris
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# A taste of Mexico wins the annual Vendy Cup

► Piaztlan Authentic Mexican wins the big prize at the annual festival celebrating food trucks ► Owner calls the win her 'American dream'

The Red Hook Ball Fields boast some kick-butt cuisine. Just like last year, the 2012 Vendy Cup — awarded to honor the best in street-cart cookery — went to a Red Hook truck.

Eleazar Perez is the mastermind behind Piaztlan Authentic Mexican, which serves Central Mexican cuisine. Metro caught up with Eleazar's son,

**Catch them  
while you can**

► Piaztlan Authentic Mexican food truck will be at the Red Hook Ball Fields until the last weekend of October.

Fabian, after the family was crowned Vendy Cup winners at the annual festival held on Governor's Island.

#### How did the business begin?

We started in 1989 selling food in [an outdoor setting] in the Red Hook Ball Fields. A couple of years back we started getting in a lot of issues with the Department of Health and Parks Department: They didn't want us there anymore. We fought for, like, two years to stay there until they agreed to let us stay. That's when we started the food truck, in 2008.

The food truck was a whole new thing to us. We were learning how to really operate a truck. Our working space got



► Fabian Perez, Eleazar Perez and Perla Perez, of Piaztlan Authentic Mexican food truck, won the 2012 Vendy Cup.

reduced and so did our staff. We had to accommodate to our needs with the limited space we have.

#### Tell us about your experience at the Vendy Awards.

The night before, I couldn't sleep. I had a lot of nerves and a lot of prepping to do. We didn't know what to expect when we

got there. I was in charge of being in front of the truck. I got in a car accident three weeks ago, so I could only pass out flyers and talk to people about the food. I met a lot of great people. I never met so many people with such a big appetite for food.

When they announced we

won the Vendy Cup, it was unreal. I was speechless. My mother broke out into tears. We went to the Vendy's this year because we wanted to expand and see where our business can go in the future.

MARY ANN GEORGANTOPOULOS

## Dining out

### Restaurant openings

**Chio** (117 Columbia St., Brooklyn; 718-237-4300): Serving regional Italian fare in a contemporary-meets-rustic atmosphere. **The Bowery Kitchen** (220 Bow-

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Clinton Hill, 718-230-3856): The spin on Modern American cuisine here introduces dishes like butternut squash risotto and a signature Wallace burger, all created by a soon-to-be husband and wife team.

**Koi SoHo (Trump SoHo, 246 Spring St., 212-842-4550):** To celebrate its 10th anniversary, the restaurant renowned for its contemporary Japanese cuisine has opened a downtown location,



► Firecracker Chicken Wings are at Guy's American Kitchen & Bar.

featuring the same taste and feel of its other restaurants — with a few additions exclusive to the SoHo spot.

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OLIVIA MORROW

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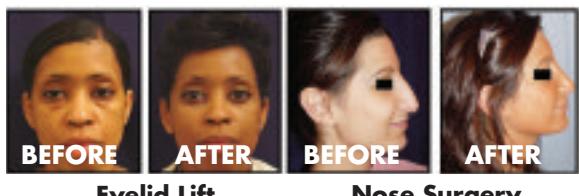
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**"I think it's every chef's dream to work in a charcuterie restaurant."** CONLON

# Phil Conlon gets high on the hog

## Hot chef

Chef Phil Conlon has worked in restaurants since age 14, but he never planned on working in the kitchen — until attending a cooking class in college and, as he puts it, "playing with knives all day."

"I was like, 'This is the best thing ever! That's it.' And from then on I was back of the house," Conlon says.

Now at Swine, he not only gets to play with knives, but with pig heads, duck fat and various animal organs. The centerpiece of Swine's menu is its house-made salumi and charcuterie. Each dish is paired with locally made jam, mustard and pickles, and served on a long wooden board. It's rich stuff — a dab will do you — particularly with a cold drink and a bunch of folks to share with. "I wanted to create a menu for a place where I would want to go on my day off — and the food that I want to eat," Conlon says.

### How did you get into charcuterie?

I think it's every chef's dream to work in a charcuterie restaurant, just playing with all differ-



BRENT HERRIG

ent parts of different animals and finding ways to utilize them. So at different restaurants I've worked at throughout the years, I've always seen different aspects of it. ... You take scraps of things and turn them into other ingredients to make them better. That's the whole point of charcuterie: Utilize everything.

### Where did you learn the technique?

From different chefs that I've worked with. Other stuff I just learned on my own, like duck prosciutto, the beef tongue pastrami — I tasted pastrami at a lot of different restaurants, like the Second Avenue Deli and

Katz's, to see what the flavor profile was. And then I did a lot of reading on how to cook tongue. Finally, I asked the guys in the kitchen how they cooked their tongue. The Mexican guys, their favorite taco is lengua, so they have the best way to cook the tongue. And then I just pieced everything together and came up with recipes, and tried and tried until I came up with something I was really happy with.

**Do you think that there's a daredevil quality to using organ meats and traditional preservation techniques?**

Yeah, because then you want to see what other, like, horrible parts of animals — some people would say — how to make them good. You want to find the best way to do it. And a lot of people get a little freaked out by things like tongue and head — but you can't be afraid to eat them. This is a different era — things are refrigerated a lot better than they used to be, and things don't have to be preserved as much. And there's better-quality stuff on the market than there was, you know, 50 years ago or 20 years ago. So people shouldn't be afraid of what they have to eat.

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The Tall Pines make music to swirl and dance and sing to. Luckily, their monthly review takes place at East Village beer hall Jimmy's No. 43, which boasts a superior beer/wine list and some mighty fine wursts. **LEAH TAYLOR**

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Friday-Sunday, Pier 36, South Street Seaport, \$60-\$99  
ATP's fan-friendly, noncorporate formula comes to Pier 36. Curated with the help of Greg Dulli of the Afghan Whigs, this year's event includes performances by Frank Ocean, Philip Glass, the Roots, José González, Chavez, Godspeed You! Black Emperor, Hot Snakes, Mark Lanegan, Thee Oh Sees and more. **MINDY BOND**

**Soul Clap & Dance Off**

Saturday, 6 p.m., Brooklyn Bowl, 61 Wythe Ave., Williamsburg, \$6  
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**Lee "Scratch" Perry**

Sunday, 7-11 p.m., Music Hall of Williamsburg, 66 N. 6th St., \$25  
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ment. Arrive early and score a free yoga mat. **IT**

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Plaza, 209 Joralemon St., Free  
This year's Brooklyn Book Festival is going to be the biggest one so far, as Paul Auster, Colson Whitehead, Joyce Carol Oates and dozens of other literary lions will be making a trek out to the 718 for an afternoon. **JD**

**FILM**  
"Carrie"

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# Andy looks dandy

► Pettitte back on mound, back in win column after throwing five shutout innings against Jays ► Lefty hard on himself despite impressive return

As Andy Pettitte concluded his first postgame interview in nearly three months, he revealed that he was not crazy about the pitches coming out of his left hand.

While Pettitte may have been hard on himself and his feel for his pitches, the results showed otherwise. The 40-year-old left-hander threw five scoreless innings during yesterday afternoon's important 4-2 victory over the Blue Jays in the opener of a day-night doubleheader.

"I wasn't real happy with my cutter," Pettitte said. "I didn't feel like it was as sharp. I felt like it wasn't as sharp as it had been. It definitely wasn't as sharp as it was when I got hurt, that's for sure."

"I wasn't crazy about a whole lot of stuff. I felt like the command of my fastball was OK. I threw some good changeups. It was just one of those days where you're trying to get through it."

The command might not have been as sharp as usual, but that was probably to be expected for someone who last faced hitters in a game situation on June 27. During the layoff, Pettitte was unable to pitch other than two simulated games and several bullpen sessions.

"I was just happy that after two and a half months, my arm strength stayed where it was," Pettitte said. "For me, that was exciting. Obviously if you're sitting at 86 [mph] and you're throwing 88 [mph], it's better than 86 [mph] if you're



► Andy Pettitte will likely make two more starts this season — at Minnesota and Toronto.

**75** Pettitte had been scheduled to throw 70-75 pitches. After throwing 68 through four innings, he threw seven in the fifth.

not trying to overthrow. The ball was coming out pretty good, so that's a positive for me."

Also positive was Pettitte's line on a day the Yankees were just hoping Pettitte could reach the fifth inning.

"What I had seen in the games that he was throwing leading up to this, I thought it was possible," manager Joe Gi-

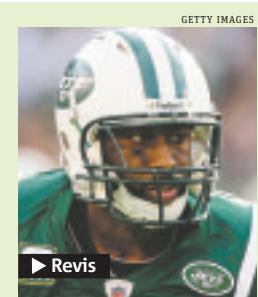
rardi said. "He did a good job. I think he had one 1-2-3 inning. He got some double plays. He pitched out of some jams, got some important strikeouts. He did a really good job."

He allowed four singles in five innings while throwing

75 pitches for his 244th career victory.

"All in all it was good," Pettitte said.

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## Revis takes practice field for first time

After seeing their secondary struggle last Sunday, the Jets seem likely to receive a boost with the return of Darrelle Revis this weekend.

Head coach Rex Ryan said Revis has made progress from a concussion that caused him to miss the Jets' Week 2 loss in Pittsburgh.

Revis suffered a concussion in the fourth quarter of the Jets' blowout win of the Bills. He was cleared for physical activity last week, but did not practice with the team and did not travel for the 27-10 loss at Pittsburgh.

"[He] has not been cleared for contact, [but he] has been cleared for practice. We'll see how that progresses," Ryan said. • KRISTIAN DYER



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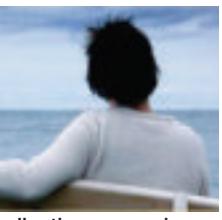
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Hakeem Nicks  
was a surprise scratch.

## STORYLINES TO WATCH

- Week 3: Giants vs. Panthers, Bank of America Stadium
- When: 8:20 p.m., PIX11/NFLN
- Next: at Eagles (Sept. 30)

### 1 No rest for weary Giants during rough schedule

The Giants are at a marked disadvantage as they have to travel to Carolina on short notice.

The team only had two days to prepare for a Panthers squad that presents many problems for opponents after a full week of preparation, let alone just a couple of days.

Add that to the fact that the Giants head into the game with many question marks along the injury front, and this might not end well for Big Blue. Ahmad Bradshaw, Hakeem Nicks, David Diehl and Domenik Hixon have all been ruled out for tonight's game after not practicing at all yesterday.



### 2 Which style of offense will succeed?

The Giants and Panthers put up points in vastly different manners.

Giants' quarterback Eli Manning can throw with the best of them, as he has numerous options in the passing game. Conversely, Panthers' signal caller Cam Newton isn't as conventional, as he's leading the new-wave of dual-threat quarterbacks who are just as lethal with their feet as they are with their arms.

It'll be interesting to see which style wins out.



### 3 Long and short of the receiving battle

Even though Steve Smith is only 5-foot-9, Giants' rookie corner Jayron Hosley said the aggressive Smith "plays like he's 6-foot-4, 6-foot-5."

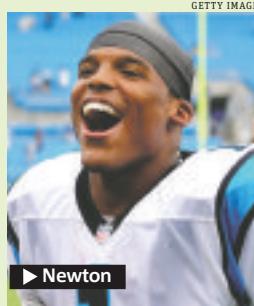
Smith is a handful for any cornerback, let alone one who is hurting. Prince Amukamara (ankle) is still day-to-day, although head coach Tom Coughlin thinks he'll play. Hosley is very talented, but that's a tough draw for someone making his second start.

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## Newton big problem in Giants' plans

The Giants head into tonight's matchup with many defensive problems, but none bigger than the 6-foot-5, 240-pound quarterback Cam Newton.

The second-year phenom hasn't set the league on fire just yet, as he did during the first month of his rookie campaign last season, but everyone in the Giants' defensive meeting room has



► Newton

been forewarned.

"We played him in our first preseason game last year and after that game I said he was a franchise quar-

terback," defensive coordinator Perry Fewell said. "We pressured him a lot and he seemed to handle it. ... I think they're doing some really good things to enhance his athletic ability. The sky is the limit for this guy."

The Giants hope to limit Newton to being just a pocket passer. Despite his immense throwing ability, Big Blue would rather take its chances with keeping Newton stationary.

"I know he's a talented individual, [but] I think it's mostly about what we do," Justin Tuck said. ● **METRO/TW**

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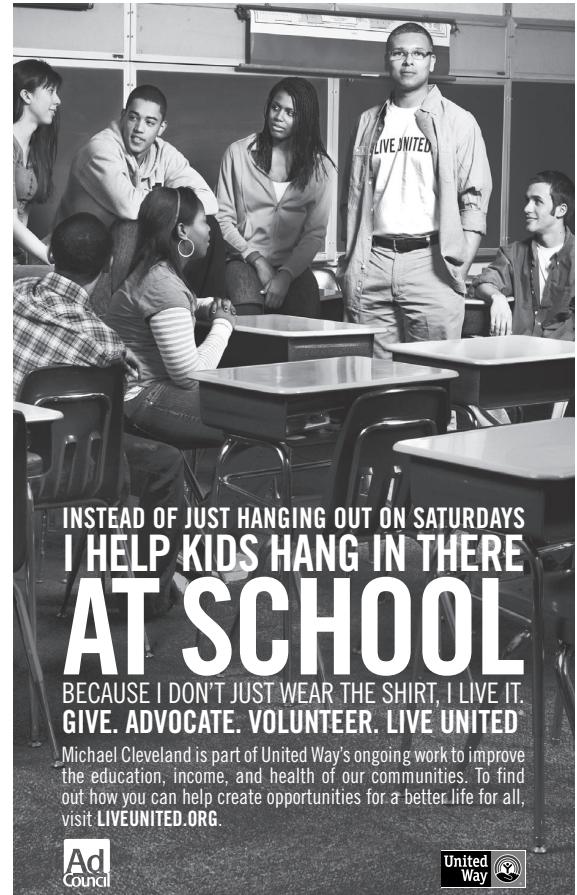
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